

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

May 7, 2008

Hampton Inn, Okemos, Michigan

10:00 am — 3:00 pm

MINUTES

Delegates Present: Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Thomas Caldwell, Julie Daggett-Lawrence, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Doris Higgs, Robert Hove, Jill Jacobs, Teri Johnson, Maggie Kolk, Christopher Korbel, Kathleen Kosobud, Sheri Kraft, Shari Krishnan, Tom Langdon, Diane Lanham, Sharon Melko, David Overly, Susan Peters, Richard Spring, Susan Steinbacher, Jan VanGasse, Michael Yocum

Alternates Present: Michelle Driscoll, Olga Moir, Sue Rabidoux, Jayanne Roggenbaum, Wendy Minor

MDE Staff Present: Lydia Calderon, Meredith Hines, Bonnie Rockafellow, Jacquelyn Thompson, Sally Vaughn, Pat West

Guests Present: Joan Bade, Kelly Orginski, Debs Roush, Cynthia Wright

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken.

III. Introduction of Guests

Guests were introduced.

IV. Approval of Proposed May Agenda

The May Proposed agenda was approved as amended: Motion was made by Bob Hove to combine Items 11 and 13; Item 14 action items to cancel July – August COW meeting. Move Items 13-16 before Item 12. Seconded by David Overly. Vote was taken. Motion approved.

V. Approval of April 2, 2008 Minutes

The April 2, 2008 Minutes were approved.

VI. Public Comment - There was no public comment.

VII. Chairperson's Report

A. Report on Selection of 2008-09 Executive Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

- Jan VanGasse, Chairperson, Tom Langdon, Vice Chairperson
- 2008-09 SEAC Meeting Dates the first Wednesday of the month. (October-June) with the retreat scheduled for September 14-15, 2008.

VIII. State Department Reports – Dr. Jacquelyn J. Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education/Early Intervention Services (OSE/EIS)

- Update from MDE: Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer, is with us today.
- MI3 initiatives – Integrated Improvement Initiatives will be presented to SEAC in June. (Systems integration model)
- Applied for new federally funded SISEP (State Implementation and Scale-Up of Evidence Based Practices) participation.
 - Human services, business, engineering and technology - Common elements for implementation and scaling up.
 - Dr. Dean Fixon, University of South Florida, Nation Implementation Research Network and SISEP.
- Extended School Year (ESY) Standards and Guidelines is tentatively scheduled for discussion at the June State Board of Education meeting Tom Langdon will represent SEAC at the Board meeting.

IX. The Michigan State Board of Education is reviewing new Proposed Professional Standards for Michigan teachers. Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, member of the Board, made specific request to SEAC for feedback on these standards. Ms. Bonnie Rockafellow, Professional Preparation Services, presented on the proposed professional standards and requested feedback on behalf of the State Board of Education.

In preparation for the May 7 meeting, SEAC members were asked to review the standards.

Bonnie Rockafellow, MDE Office of Preparation and Professional Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation and handout.

After discussion SEAC members worked in table groups to formulate their comment. Their work was summarized by SEAC Consultant, Sandi Laham, and then the members regrouped to synthesize the comment.

X. Reports from Ex-Officio Members - There were no reports.

XI. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- a. SEAC By-laws and Procedures Committee: Bob Hove presented the changes. A vote will be taken in June to approve the changes.
- b. SEAC Ad-Hoc E-Meeting/Technology Committee: Jan VanGasse presented the recommendation. A vote will be taken in June to approve the recommendation.
- c. SEAC Ad-Hoc Committee on Personal Curriculum: Michael Yocum, Chair of this Ad-Hoc Committee, presented background information.

The law says that all students must meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements and then gives room for Personal Curriculum (PC), how you can use it and how you can't. The law is not clear for students who have an IEP. Yet there is a limit as to how to use the PC for students with an IEP.

Conflict: setting two standards, reaffirming a culture of lower expectation for certain students which is what we're trying to move away from.

Because of the complexity of the issue: The Ad Hoc Committee would like to come back in the fall with more thorough and complete recommendations. Scope of the work and issues have been defined but no clarity at this time.

Beverly Baroni-Yeglic asked the Committee to return with general statements for the June SEAC meeting and then have a group work on the issue next year.

The general comments will be put on the listserv after today's meeting and then will be voted on in June.

XII. Action Items

- Motion made to suspend meetings in July/August. Motion carried.

XIII. SEAC Dialogue/Learning: Michigan Annual Performance Report, February 1, 2008

- This item is being postponed until September.

XIV. Member Announcements – Christopher Korbel

Public Hearings on the Dropout Crisis sponsored by the Michigan Education Association, Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan's Children, Michigan's Charter Schools, Michigan's Promise and Michigan Future, Inc. will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the following sites:

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| • May 8 | Grand Rapids |
| • May 15 | Macomb County |
| • May 22 | Detroit |
| • June 5 | Lansing |
| • June 12 | Flint |
| • September 4 | Traverse City |
| • September 11 | Ishpeming |
| • September 18 | Western Wayne County |
| • September 25 | Saginaw |
| • October 2 | Kalamazoo |

For further information, please refer to the attached information or go to www.mea.org/dropouts/

XV. Future Agenda Considerations

- a. Beth Steenwyk - MI3 Presentation in June.
 - Information regarding MI3 to be mailed prior to the June meeting.
- b. Action Items
 - By-laws
 - E-Meetings
 - Personal Curriculum
- c. Member Recognition

XVI. Process Check - Members indicated by sign of hand that it was a good meeting.

XVII. Adjournment at 2:00 p.m.